**Visual Arts - Comics – Reflections**

**Here is the assessment rubric for this assignment. Be sure to score yourself before turning this in.**

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|  |  | Response goes well beyond expectations in conveying understanding | Response shows an complete understanding of the concepts | Response shows a nearly complete understanding of the concepts | Response shows a satisfactory understanding of the concepts | Response shows very little understanding of the concepts | Response not present or completely misses the mark |
| Understand Art World | **Form –** your writing shows a good understanding of **the way that these women are drawn promote a positive or negative view of women** | 10 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| **Theme** – your writing shows your opinion about how the portrayal of the female superheroes reveal something about the position of women in our current society | 10 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| **Context** – your writing clearly shows how the portrayal of women in this way put pressure on both young men and women | 10 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| **Synthesis** – your responses show a clear understanding of what you learned in each phase of the project. | 10 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 5.5 |



Some critics say that the comic book heroines shown above are drawn in such a way, with their revealing costumes and unrealistic proportions, that they become nothing more than images of adolescent sexual fantasies. By portraying women in this way it helps to form the idea that a woman is merely an object whose value lies in her ability to attract and please men.

Other critics say that these images show strong women and comics are just for fun anyway and shouldn’t be taken so seriously.

Write a three paragraph essay that addresses the following points.

* **Form - Does the way that these women are drawn promote a positive or negative view of women? How?**
* **Theme - How does the portrayal of the female superheroes reveal something about the position of women in our current society?**
* **Context - What pressures might the portrayal of women in this way put on both young men and women?**

Make sure your argument is organized and is supported by a logical stream of thought. In your opening paragraph outline your position, in the second one support your position with reference to visual evidence, and in the third convince us why you are right! Find an image from the internet to use as visual evidence in support of your argument.

Put your image here and write your essay below.

**Synthesis**

Explain how the various activities we did in this project helped (or did not help) you answer the Essential Questions below.

How can comics reflect the culture of the times in which they were made?

How did the times effect the way comics were made?

What are techniques for drawing the human figure?

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